## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)	
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HIDEHIKO FUJIMURA, ET AL.		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2879
Application No.: 09/309,766		)	
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Filed: May 11, 1999		)	
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For:	METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING	)	October 16, 2003
	AIRTIGHT VESSEL AND IMAGE-	:	
	FORMING APPARATUS USING	)	
	AIRTIGHT VESSEL	:	

## **VIA HAND CARRY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: